

**WHITE LAKE WETLANDS CONSERVATION AREA
GROUP HUNT APPLICATION, WATERFOWL 2011-2012**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is accepting applications beginning Thursday, August 11 through close of business August 31, 2011 for a limited number of two-day waterfowl group hunts (Group Hunts) (morning hunts only) on the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area near Gueydan, Louisiana. Each guided Group Hunt will accommodate up to 12 hunters and includes a two-night accommodation at the White Lake Lodge. Each Group Hunt will cost \$30,000.00 (itinerary attached, with additional details on what will be provided). The estimated fair-market value of the hunt is \$800.00 per hunter. Funds collected over this amount will be considered a charitable contribution and therefore may be tax deductible. To participate please complete and mail this application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Attention: White Lake Group Hunt at P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898 or the physical address of 2000 Quail Drive, Room 458, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (ph. 225-765-2806). Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must submit a separate application for each two-day Group Hunt they wish to reserve. No applicant shall submit more than one application for any single, two-day hunt event nor more than a total of 3 applications for the season. Submission of more than one application per two-day hunt or more than 3 applications for the season will result in disqualification of the applicant. The individual listed on the application will (1) host the group and (2) assume responsibility for completing all paperwork, including the application, payment of the hunt, and coordinating other events with the hunt coordinator.

Applications must be accompanied by a bank draft, money order, or other liquid instrument made payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the amount of \$2,500.00. If you are a successful applicant the \$2,500.00 payment will be deemed a non-refundable deposit for the dates that you have selected. **Successful applicants will not be allowed to transfer a hunt.** If at the end of the application submittal period there is more than one qualifying application submitted for any one, two-day hunt event then a random draw will be conducted to determine the successful applicant. Applicants that are unsuccessful will be refunded their deposit. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to submit the final payment of \$27,500.00, which must be received no later than 14 days prior to arrival. Please complete the form below and select the dates that you would like to reserve for your hunts. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Sweeney (Hunt Coordinator) at 337-479-1894.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Drivers License # _____ State: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail: _____

You are allowed to select one, two-day Group Hunt per application. Per the attached itinerary, groups will arrive in the afternoon prior to the hunt between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and will hunt the next two mornings. When you select your dates (example: November 12th - 13th) it is understood that you will be arriving the afternoon before (example: November 11th) the first date selected.

Please Circle One (1) Nov. 12-13; Nov. 14-15; Nov. 18-19; Nov. 20-21; Dec. 3-4; Dec. 17-18;

Hunting Date: Dec. 19-20; Jan. 4-5; Jan. 7-8; Jan. 9-10; Jan. 13-14; Jan. 15-16; Jan. 21-22.

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White Lake Lodge Group Hunt Itinerary

ARRIVAL: Please schedule to arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. the afternoon before the first morning's hunt. For those flying on private planes, I recommend landing at Gulf Air in Jennings, Louisiana around 4:00 p.m. If the weather does not allow for a landing in Jennings please divert to Chennault Airport in Lake Charles, Louisiana. For those flying commercially, please try to fly into Lake Charles Regional Airport. Continental and American Airlines presently serve Lake Charles. If those flying commercially cannot arrange to fly into Lake Charles they can fly into Lafayette Regional Airport. Continental, Northwest and Atlantic Southeast service this airport. Driving directions will be provided for those individuals who choose to drive to the facility.

LDWF will provide ground transportation to and from Jennings and the two Lake Charles airports. We will do our best to provide transportation to and from Lafayette, based on the availability of our three vehicles. In a few cases, individuals arriving and departing Lafayette may have to or choose to rent a vehicle and drive to White Lake.

Approximate driving times to White Lake are: from Jennings - 35 minutes; from Lake Charles - 65 minutes; and from Lafayette - 70 minutes.

Day 1 - Travel and Orientation Day

- Arrive at Lodge
- Orientation
- View safety film
- Issue hunting and fishing license
- Shoot skeet or fish late that afternoon if time allows
- Dinner (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to be determined by host)

Day 2 – First Hunt

- Light breakfast
- Morning waterfowl hunt 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (approximate)
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. relax after hunt (please notify staff of planned afternoon activities so preparations can be made)
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. lunch and relax
- 1:00 – Dusk; afternoon activity options, fishing, sporting clays, skeet range
- Dinner (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to be determined by host)

Day 3 – Second Hunt, Last Day

- Light breakfast
- Morning waterfowl hunt 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. relax after hunt (please pack bags and have all bags that you would like us to carry outside bedroom door) ***Please have name tags on all luggage.**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. lunch
- Depart Lodge no later than noon

WHAT LDWF PROVIDES:

1. Transportation to and from airport (Jennings and Lake Charles).
2. All food and beverages.
3. Professional Hunting and Fishing Guides.
4. Hunting and Fishing License.
5. Steel shot shotgun shells for waterfowl hunts and lead shot for skeet range.
6. Company guns for those that do not bring a gun. (3-12 gauge Ber. Auto's, 3-12 gauge Rem. Auto's, 2-12 gauge Browning Auto's, 3-12 gauge Franchi O/U.
7. Bird and Fish Cleaning and Packaging.
8. Fishing Gear.
9. Hunting coats, rain gear, hats, and gloves as needed.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

1. Clothes in layers, our temperatures can range from 20 – 85 degrees F.
2. Drivers license or U.S. Passport
3. You are allowed to bring your own gun and/or favorite fishing rod and reel.

TIPPING:

Hunting/Fishing Guides

In order for us to hire and maintain a quality staff of professional guides, it is proposed that a minimum cash tip of \$50.00 per morning be offered to your personal guide. If you decide to fish in the afternoon, it is recommended that a minimum tip of \$20.00 to \$30.00 per guide depending on the length of the trip. Of course you will always have the option of tipping more or less or not at all if your guide did not perform to your expectations. Please let us know if for any reason you are dissatisfied with the service provided.

Cooks/Housekeeping

Our cooks work extremely long hours and do an excellent job. There will be a tip box set up in the main lodge, that you can deposit money into, if you so desire, and this money will be distributed evenly among our cooking and housecleaning staff. For your information and use as a guideline, their combined average total tip for a party has been \$300.00.

NOTE: Only contract employees should be tipped. State employees that guide will be identified during orientation and are not allowed to solicit tips.

CONTACT NUMBERS:

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